The proceedings commenced at 12 noon, V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., B. A., B. L., Dewan, presiding. Among those present were Lieut. Col. H. R. N. Pritchard C. I. E., O. B. E., Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States, Capt. Kunwar Daya Singh Bedi, Assistant Agent to the Governor-General, H. S. Chatfield Esq., M. A., Barrister-at-law, Chief Justice, High Court, Major G. F. Turner, M. C., Commandant, Nayar Brigade, Heads of the various Departments and Offices, and Members of the Legislative Council.

Copies of the Dewan's Opening Address in English, Malayalam and Tamil were distributed to the members, as also copies of the Administration Report of the State for 1105 M. E. in English and Malayalam, of the report on the operations of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for 1105 M. E. in English and Malayalam, of the Statistics of Travancore for 1105 M. E, in English, and of the Memoranda of subjects for representation at the session in English, Malayalam and Tamil. Copies, in English, of the Statement of Action on pending representations of the twenty-second and subsequent sessions of the Assembly were also distributed among the members.

The Dewan then opened the session with the following

ADDRESS.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY,

Under the gracious command of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, it is my privilege to welcome you to the twenty-seventh session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. This gathering is in one respect unique in that for the first time women have been enabled to become members ; and I extend my cordial welcome to the five ladies who have been nominated to this session. The Assembly Rules have been revised so as to confer on women both the right to vote and the right to be returned as members. Although the lady members at this session have been nominated by the Government, it is hoped that, at future sessions, elected women-members will take their place. This measure, I need hardly assure you, is the outcome of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent's solicitude to advance the cause of women and to give them their rightful place in the political life of the country.

His Highness The Maha Raja.

2. The administrative training of His Highness the Maha Raja began in April last soon after Mr. Dutt arrived in Trivandrum. In the third week of April, His Highness, accompanied by his Tutors and personal staff, proceeded to Bangalore, where with the co-operation of the Government of Mysore, arrangements had been made for His Highness's stay and education. After an introductory course of studies in the theory of politics, the training has been mostly in the practical details of administration. Except for the period from the 24th September 1930 to the 4th November 1930, when His Highness returned to